RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 31st August, 1987/ 7 Bhadra, 1909 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, **The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) *Notification G.S.R. No. 726(E)*, dated the 21st August, 1987, amending Notification Nos. 2—Customs, dated the 1st January, 1979, 255/86-Customs, dated the 17th April, 1986, 480/86-Customs, 481/86-Customs and 482/86-Customs, all dated the 4th December, 1986 so as to extend up to the 31st March, 1988 the validity thereof, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4877/87]

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

I. The Navy (Amendment) Bill, 1987

II. The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1987

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY: Madam, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

I

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 28th August, 1987, agreed without any amendment to the Navy (Amendment) Bill, 1987, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th August, 1987."

II

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 28th August, 1987, agreed without any amendment to the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1987, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 21st August, 1987."

Re. HDW SUBMARINE DEAL

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, a startling revelation has been made by 'The Hindu' yesterday about the HDW submarine deal. It reveals that as far back as June 27th our Defence Secretary had written to HDW to know about the existence of agents and also about payment of commission, if there be any, in connection with the German submarine deal. On 9th July the Company is reported to have replied to that inquiry and in that reply the Company has stated that though there were no Indian agents — mark 'Indian agents' — I quote —

"As known to the Indian Government, we only used the Globetech Company, our retainer, which we notified in writing to the Chief of Naval Staff on 22nd September, 1982. Though we normally do not disclose company's confidential information, we are submitting enclosed the complete contract signed between Globetech and HDW giving all answers to your detailed questions under paragraph 3 of your letter."

Now it is proved that the Government is in possession of all the information about whether there was any commission agent between the two and whether there was any payment to such agent, and it has